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- July 20. Moonachie, N. J. Guide, Mr. George V. Nash.
 July 27. Little Falls, N. J. Guide, Dr. H. H. Rusby.
 August 3. Summit, N. J. Guide, Dr. P. A. Rydberg.
 August 10. Great Island, N. J. Guide, Dr. H. H. Rusby.
 August 17. Saw Mill Valley, Borough of the Bronx, New York City. Special excursion for mosses. Guides, Mrs. N. L. Britton and Mr. R. S. Williams.
 August 24. Sneed's Landing, N. Y. Guide, Mr. Norman Taylor.
 August 31. Richmond, Staten Island. Guide, Dr. Philip Dowell.
 September 7. Prince's Bay, Staten Island. Guide, Dr. Arthur Hollick.
 September 14. New Rochelle, N. Y. Guide, Miss Daisy Levy.
 September 21. Arlington, Staten Island. Guide, Professor L. M. Underwood.
 September 28. Mosholu, N. Y. Special excursion for asters. Guide, Professor E. S. Burgess.
 October 5. Hunter's Island, New York City. Special excursion for marine algae. Guide, Dr. Marshall A. Howe.
 October 12. New York Botanical Garden. Special subject: "Variations in Plant Organs; a Study in Morphology." Instructor and guide, Dr. C. Stuart Gager.

NEWS ITEMS

John H. Schaffner, associate professor of botany in the Ohio State University, will spend the present scholastic year in Germany and Dr. A. Dachnowski will act as substitute for him during his absence.

Dr. C. B. Robinson, assistant curator of the New York Botanical Garden since July 1, 1906, has been appointed economic botanist of the Bureau of Science of the Government of the Philippine Islands, and is planning to sail for Manila early in the coming year.

Dr. Harold L. Lyon has resigned the assistant professorship of botany in the University of Minnesota in order to accept a

position as assistant director of the pathological laboratory of the experiment station maintained by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association at Honolulu.

Mr. Oakes Ames, founder of the Ames Botanical Laboratory at North Easton, Massachusetts, has presented his valuable collection of living orchids to the New York Botanical Garden. The collection includes plants of great rarity and will form a notable feature in the conservatories of the Garden.

Professor William Bateson, of Cambridge University, England, is announced by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to give three illustrated lectures entitled "Demonstrations of Mendel's Principles of Heredity," at the Art Building Hall, 174 Montague Street, on the evenings of October 3, October 31, and November 1.

Professor C. F. Baker, for three years past chief of the department of botany in the Estación Central Agronómica, at Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba, has been appointed curator of the herbarium and botanic garden at the Museu Goeldi, Para, Brazil. All letters and packages should be addressed to him at that point after November 1, 1907. His especial work there will be the further development of the herbarium and garden at Para, and the botanical exploration of some of the most interesting parts of the Amazon valley.

The New York Botanical Garden announces for the autumn of 1907 the following program of Saturday afternoon lectures :

- Oct. 5. "The Salton Sea and its Effect on Vegetation," by Dr. D. T. MacDougal.
- Oct. 12. "Collecting Fungi in the Wilds of Maine," by Dr. W. A. Murrill.
- Oct. 19. "The Forms and Functions of Leaves," by Dr. C. Stuart Gager.
- Oct. 26. "The True Grasses and their Uses," by Mr. George V. Nash.
- Nov. 2. "The Giant Trees of California : their Past History and Present Condition," by Dr. Arthur Hollick.
- Nov. 9. "The Progress of the Development of the New York Botanical Garden," by Dr. N. L. Britton.
- Nov. 16. "Edible Roots of the United States," by Dr. H. H. Rusby.

The lectures will be delivered in the museum building at 4 o'clock and will be illustrated by lantern slides and otherwise.